(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of the PSU before the BIFR?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) Praga Tools Ltd. (PTL) was referred to BIFR in 1998. In accordance with the direction of BIFR, a consultant was appointed to study the viability of the company. The consultant in their report have considered various options regarding the future of PTL, including revival. BIFR has yet to take a final decision in regard to the future of PTL.

Revival package for NIL

538. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cabinet had approved on 18th June, 2002 a revival package for National Instruments Limited (NIL) involving conversion of Rs. 60 crore loan into equity and writing off of outstanding interest of Rs. 138 crore;

(b) if so, the details of the same and its status of implementation including joint venture formation;

(c) whether BIFR has issued a show-cause notice in spite of the above Cabinet decision; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government to revive the unit as per Cabinet decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (d) The Government decided on 18.06.2002 regarding financial restructuring of National Instruments Limited (NIL) and for extension of budgetary support to it, the details of which are as under:

(i) Financial restructuring of NIL incumbent on Joint Venture (JV) formation, *viz.* Conversion of plan/non-plan loan of Rs. 60.34 crore into equity and write off the outstanding interest/penal interest of Rs. 138.08 crores etc. as on 31.3.2002.

(ii) In the event of failure of JV effort, action may taken for closure/winding up of the Company after offering safety net to the employees.

(iii) To provide budgetary support for liquidating the employees related dues and provision of need based non-plan budgetary support for payment of salary/wages to employees of NIL during 2002 or till JV formation/closure, whichever is earlier.

Governmenat have released funds for payment of salary/wages till July, 2002 and action is under way for locating JV partner.

CAG Report on CPSUs

539. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Public Sector Undertakings running in profit as per the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India during the last three years, company-wise;

(b) the number of CPSUs which have suffered losses during the last three years;

(c) whether the disinvestment is the only way of improving the profitability of Public Sector Enterprises;

(d) whether Government have any other innovative method; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) As per report No. 1 of 2002 of Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India during 1998-99, 1999-2000 & 2000-01, the periods till which information is available, there are respectively 137, 132 & 142 Central Government Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) earning profit and 112, 118 & 115 PSUs incurring loss. Company-wise details of profits during the last three years are given in CAG report of 2002 which was laid in the Parliament during the Budget Session in the year, 2002.

(c) to (e) Enterprise specific steps are being taken by the concerned Administrative Ministries/Departments/Management of PSUs from time